

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM

628 SHRI KARTIKEYA SHARMA:

Will the Minister of **TOURISM** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether tourism sector is a key engine of economic growth, employment and soft power on the road to Viksit Bharat 2047, and Government proposes to significantly raise its contribution to national income;
- (b) the estimated size of tourism sector at present and the growth targeted during the next five years, including its contribution to GDP, employment and foreign-exchange earnings; and
- (c) the steps being taken to strengthen the tourism ecosystem including tourist infrastructure, connectivity, hospitality and skilling, digital and last-mile facilities and environmentally sustainable and responsible tourism?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) and (b): Globally, tourism is one of the important sectors contributing 9.8% of GDP and 10.9% of employment as per the World Travel & Tourism Council. India too aims to achieve a similar contribution from the tourism sector by 2047 to achieve the Viksit Bharat 2047 goal. During the year 2023-24, the total contribution of tourism sector to GDP was Rs 15.74 crores. Tourism generated a total of 9.99 crore employment during 2024-25 and earned Rs 2.77 lakh crores in foreign-exchange. Future projections are not available now.

(c): Strengthening the tourism ecosystem is continuous process primarily undertaken by the concerned State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism complements these efforts by extending financial assistance under its central sector schemes like Swadesh Darshan 2.0, PRASHAD, etc. Professional training is provided through 56 Institutes of Hotel Management 13 Food Craft Institutes, and the Capacity Building for Service Providers scheme.
